

**REGULAR AGENDA MEETING  
Mayor and Council  
Borough of Harrington Park, New Jersey  
May 16, 2022**

**(PAH) Call Meeting to Order**

**Time: 7:00 p.m.**

**Mayor's Announcement:**

In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of the meeting was made. It is included in the Annual Meetings posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Center and on the Borough website. Copies have been emailed to the BERGEN RECORD and SUBURBANITE. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been provided to individuals requesting the same.

**(ALB) Roll Call:**

|                | PRESENT | ABSENT |
|----------------|---------|--------|
|                |         |        |
| NAPOLITANO(AN) | X       |        |
| EVANELLA (GE)  | X       |        |
| BLACKINTON(WB) | X       |        |
| WALKER (DW)    | X       |        |
| PEDERSEN (JP)  | X       |        |
| CHUNG (JC)     | X       |        |

**Also present:**

**Ms. Ann H. Bistriz, Borough Clerk (ALB)**

**Mr. Kunjesh Trivedi, CFO, CTC**

**Mr. John Dineen, Borough Attorney (JRD)**

**(PAH) Minutes Approval**

**April 18, 2022**

**Motion DP**

**Second DW**

**Vote AIF**

**Special Meeting April 25, 2022**

**Motion JP**

**Second AN**

**Vote AIF**

**(PAH) Consent Agenda-Resolutions-**

**All matters listed under this section are considered to be routine by the Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion as listed below. There will not be separate discussion of these items. Should discussion be desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately under New or Old Business on the Agenda.**

**Consent Approval: A-E**

**(A ) 2022-80 Lions Club Cars and Coffee June 25, 2022**

**(B) 2022-81 Resolution for Approval of Shared Service for of Norwood Composting Facility**

**(C ) 2022-82 Resolution Authorizing the Re-Appointment of Patrick Wilkins as Tax Assessor, with Tenure, for the Borough of Harrington Park**

**(D) 2022-83 REFUND OF ESCROW FOR PRIVATE DUTY POLICE**

**(E) 2022-84 Homestead Rebate Credit**

**Motion GE**

**Second DW**

**Discussion None**

**Roll Call Vote AIF**

**Individual Committee Reports**

**(PAH) Mayor Hoelscher**

**(AN) Planning Bd., Bd. of Adjustment, Construction, Fire, Ambulance**

Fire Marshall is currently using old Durango from the Fire Department. This vehicle has been retired and on track for replacement.

There are no plans to put any additional funds into the vehicle. Only fuel.

ALB stated that the auction value is about \$1200

AN stated that the vehicle will be used for business purposes only. AN stated that he has no problem with the vehicle being parked at home, but other arrangements can be made.

JRD stated that it is generally home depending on circumstances limited to borough business.

AN confirmed that shared vehicle with the Building Department and Fire Marshal is incorporated within the finance plans.

**(GE) Police, Municipal Court, Personnel**

890 calls of service, 133 traffic details.

OT illness is difficult with \$9071 (approximately \$5829 direct to other officers' sick time, \$3200 in shift coverage).

Three officers sick in April for a total of 7 days.

1 Internal Affairs Investigation ongoing.

GE noted that new Chief provides a different format of reporting.

4122 and 369 encumbered. \$55K annual.

GE noted that "patrol has been busy." Traffic enforced 73 summons (36 equipment, 21 moving, 16 parking). YTD 237

In April, there were 62 warnings. YTD 280.

1 DUI

2 accidents

Patrol mileage: 4844 miles, YTD 17193 miles

Two arrests: 1 assault and 1 defiant trespass.

New officers field training with Lt. Flyge and on their own as well.

GE stated "Things have picked up." (for the Police Department)

**(DW) DPW, Building & Grounds, Sanitation/Recycling**

DW reported that during the month of April, the DPW worked on the Coaches Corner, and planned barricades for the Memorial Day parade as well as organization for the Swim Clubs BBQ ceremony.

In addition, the DPW added stones to the parking lot as well as Highland and Pondsides.

Removed debris from the railroad tracks along Lafayette and West Shore.

Removed fallen tree from Highland Field #1

Removed stump from George Street Park and mulched George Street Park's playground.

Mulched the parks around town.

Orange and Rockland removed maple from 45 Harriot Place.

DPW performed street sweeps.

Stormwater catch basins inspected. Sewer tuck was borrowed from Norwood.

Basin and outfalls inspected.

Removed litter as needed. Roads were swept as part of regular schedule.

Curbside Collection, 23.7 tons.

11,080 white goods taken to market.

**(WB) Board of Health, Environmental Commission**

No report for the Board of Health.

Environmental Commission Shred Day in April- 154 people.

On May 25, the EC is sending a representative to the Board of Adjustment meeting to discuss any environmental impacts associated with potential construction at 72

Schraalenburgh Road.

**(JP) Finance, Admin. & Exec., Grants**

Capital budget meeting- Long term planning for the next few years will be crucial.

Council renewed BANS \$5 million, 2.03% interest rate.

\$9,000 for library.

\$11,410 for body cameras.

Reimbursement from state with Homestead rebates.

JP stated that next week (on May 23), there will be a budget meeting for state review of the 2022 budget submission.

CFO shared Service Agreement has been expedited with Norwood for mulch and leaf disposal.

Borough has opened an Amazon business account.

Chief's truck can be used for Fire Marshal - quote needs to be given for repairs.

2022 Taxes have been collected and late notices are being sent.

Discussion on the security for Borough doors.

**(JC) Recreation Commission, Liaison to Board of Education, Public Information**

Modular buildings at school have all been paid off through the program they were rented too (profit of \$278,000).

Paving of the school parking lot is planned for this summer.

BOE is discussing work to the roof and the science room. Budget was kept under the allowable CAP (1.9%). Average home of \$541,000 will have a \$146 increase.

**Recreation Commission**

Fishing derby will be held June 18 from 10 a.m. to noon. (June 19 is Father's Day).

States that DPW mulched George Street Park and Highland Monument.

Pickleball courts are coming. DPW is finding the location.

Private tennis coaches are allowed at the tennis courts. AN stated that there needs to be a display in the courts that no fee for private lessons, but a permit is required. JC stated that there will be a limit to number of people in large groups. JC was asked who one should contact in regards to tennis court information. JC stated that inquiries should be made to Matt Saland or Mahdad Parsi.

The Junior Women's Club will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> year fundraising. There will be no concert this year on Memorial Day, however, they have some other ideas for the community.

**(ALB) Borough Clerk/Administrator**

**Road Paving 2023 NJDOT Paving** – Discussion on which roads should be addressed first. The Parkway was named as a road to be considered. Also to be considered is Hackensack to George Street Park and part of Kohring Circle. CFO mentions that weather can delay the paving.

**Riverside Cooperative Road Paving Results**

**National Night Out-August 2, 2022 Highland Park** Police request was made for National Night Out on August 2, 2022. There was brief discussion in regards to outside entertainment events.

**Special Meeting scheduled for May 23, 2022- 7pm for adoption of the 2022 Budget.** Financial Disclosure Filing has been completed.

**Old Business**

(GE) Chief Murphy's contract needs to be executed.

(JC) Neglia has been contacted for design and bid specs for their services for the tennis courts.

**New Business**

(DW) Memorial Day Parade route will be received from Steve Nappi.

Discussed Dorotocky/ Blanch Avenue water blockage. Ponside water is being blocked by branches. There is question to why the County is no longer providing these necessary services. JRD noted that we are insured, and therefore, it is permissible for us to be in possession of the machines provided by the county so long as we have capable operators.

**(PAH) Mayor's Report**

**(PAH) Open the Meeting to the Public**

**Motion GE**

**Second AN**

**Vote NONE**

**(PAH) Close the Meeting to the Public**

**Motion GE**

**Second JP**

**Vote AIF**

**Ordinances**

**(WB) Second Reading of Ordinance #760 by title-Addendum F**  
**Amendment to 230-2 and 230-6 Operation of Motor Vehicles on Borough Land, Harrington Park Board of Education Land and Suez/Veolia property (and successors)**  
Motion WB  
Second GE

**(PAH) Meeting Open to the public for discussion of Ordinance #760 only**  
Motion GE  
Second JP  
Vote AIF

No public for discussion.

**(PAH) Meeting Closed to public discussion of Ordinance #760**  
Motion GE  
Second JP  
Vote AIF

**(PAH) Council Discussion of Ordinance #760**  
**Roll Call Vote AIF**

No discussion.

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**(PAH) Motion for Closed Session GE Time: 7:50 p.m.**  
**Second JP**  
**Vote AIF**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits a public body to conduct business in Closed Session during a public meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council deem it necessary to discuss certain matters in Closed Session as permitted by the aforesaid statute.

**(AN) Potential Litigation-Land Use**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that discussion of the aforementioned subjects may be made public at such time as disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect the interest and Borough as to said discussion.

**Return to Open Session 8:38pm**

**Adjournment-Time: 8:39pm**

**Motion: AN**

**Second: WB**  
**Vote: AIF**

**Addendum A**  
**Resolution**  
**2022-80**

**Lions Club Coffee and Cars**

**Therefore Be It Resolved** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park approve the request of the Harrington Park Lions Club to hold Coffee and Cars at Borough Municipal Parking Lot (8:00am-11am) June 25, 2022 (Rain date June 26, 2022). Parking spaces utilized shall be limited to those in the center of the lot and along Short Place. Designated spaces for first responders shall be kept accessible at all time. Certificate of Insurance will be submitted to the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Be it Further Resolved that access to the Borough Hall bathrooms are allowed and after the event all garbage and recycling will be removed from the grounds and properly disposed.

**Addendum B**  
**Resolution**  
**2022-81**

**RESOLUTION BOROUGH OF HARRINGTON PARK AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 ET SEQ. BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF HARRINGTON PARK AND THE BOROUGH OF NORWOOD**

**Whereas**, the Borough Harrington Park is charged with the responsibility for the maintenance of public lands, sewers, leaf collection and roads;

**Whereas**, the equipment and property needed for the performance of these tasks is both expensive and used intermittently;

**Whereas**, the State of New Jersey has expressed policies that encourage shared services by and among different local governments;

**Whereas**, the legislature specifically authorizes Interlocal Services Agreements by N.J.S.A. 40 A: 65-1 et seq.;

**Whereas**, the Borough of Norwood, a contiguous municipality has agreed to compost the Borough of Harrington Park leaves etc., and;

**Whereas**, each of the municipalities recognize a benefit to sharing the other municipalities available facilities, equipment or expertise and the Borough of Norwood has agreed to provide such service to the Borough of Harrington Park for the sum of \$23,460.00 plus half the cost of any grinding services and providing for 2% annual increase for the basic service upon renewal year to year until December 31, 2026;

**Whereas**, the Borough of Harrington Park is desirous of entering such Interlocal Services Agreement with the Borough of Norwood.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, Clerk or such other authorized person shall execute the Interlocal Services Agreement with the Borough of Norwood for the purpose of sharing the cost of such composting for the amount of \$23,460.00 per year +1/2 of the cost of any grinding services.

I hereby certify the above is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the mayor and council of the Borough of Harrington Park on December 20, 2021 and ratified on May 16, 2022.

**Addendum C**  
**Resolution**  
**2022-82**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF PATRICK WILKINS AS  
TAX ASSESSOR, WITH TENURE, FOR THE BOROUGH OF HARRINGTON PARK**

**WHEREAS**, there is hereby established the office of Tax Assessor of the Borough of Harrington Park, who shall be appointed by the governing body pursuant to Chapter 128 of the Laws of 1978 (N.J.S.A. 40A:9-146), and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Assessor shall be qualified as set forth in Chapter 44 of the Laws of 1967 (N.J.S.A. 54:1-35.25) as the same may, from time to time, be amended, and

**WHEREAS**, the appointed Municipal Tax Assessor, Patrick Wilkins held office for a term of four years as of January 6, 2018 commencing from the first day of July next following appointment to said office, and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Harrington Park wishes to re-appoint Patrick Wilkins to this position pursuant to NJSA 54:1-35.31 and grant him tenure as of July 1, 2022, as provided by the statute; and

**WHEREAS**, the compensation of the Tax Assessor shall be determined by the governing body by the salary ordinance duly adopted annually, and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Assessor shall perform the duties required of the holder of such office pursuant to Title 54 of the New Jersey statutes and such regulations as may from time to time be promulgated by the New Jersey Division of Taxation and the Bergen County Board of Taxation, and

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park that Patrick Wilkins be and is hereby appointed as the tenured Tax Assessor for the Borough of Harrington Park with the effective date of July 1, 2022.

**Addendum D**  
**Resolution**  
**2022-83**

**REFUND OF ESCROW FOR PRIVATE DUTY POLICE**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Borough's ordinances, Big Fish Entertainment established an escrow account to pay for the private duty services rendered by said officers on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 in regard to filming on Columbus Ave., and

**WHEREAS**, Big Fish Entertainment deposited \$2,500.00 on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The total cost for private duty services was \$1,915.84, resulting in an over payment of \$584.16;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park that the Chief Financial Officer shall issue refunds in the total amount of \$584.16 to

BIG FISH ENTERTAINMENT, LLC  
5 TIMES SQUARE, 9<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
NEW YORK, NY 10036

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that refunds shall be returned to the applicant upon final adoption of the resolution and the CFO is authorized to issue a refund check in the amount set forth above

**Addendum E  
Resolution  
2022-84**

**Homestead Rebate Credit**

WHEREAS, the following homeowners are entitled to refunds of property taxes due to overpayments on 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2022 from HOMESTEAD REBATE CREDITS that were not taken;

| BLOCK  | LOT | QLFR  | HOMEOWNER | AMOUNT    |
|--------|-----|-------|-----------|-----------|
| 501.03 | 8   | CE206 | MONTANARO | \$630.45  |
| 607    | 23  |       | MARAFINO  | \$500.09  |
| 713    | 16  |       | SCAPPI    | \$1000.42 |
| 903    | 10  |       | VANECH    | \$667.00  |

WHEREAS, the total of the overpayments due to HRC on the accounts in the amount of \$1897.96

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park that the Chief Financial Officer shall issue refunds in the total amount of \$1897.96 for overpayment of the 2022 property taxes

**Addendum F  
Ordinance #760**

**Amendment to 230-2 and 230-6 Operation of Motor Vehicles on Borough Land,  
Harrington Park Board of Education Land and Suez/Veolia property (and successors)**

Any park, reservoir, playground, recreation area, green, square or any other similar area in the Borough currently owned or hereafter acquired by the Borough, including ball fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, skating areas, roadways and parking facilities located within such areas. *In addition, this Ordinance shall apply to all SUEZ/VEOLIA (Water Company), and its successors, property within the jurisdiction of the Borough of Harrington Park, it being acknowledged that such property is environmentally sensitive.* The Harrington Park Recreation Commission and the Harrington Park Police Department shall have concurrent jurisdiction to enforce this article within the Borough parklands.



